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All-Star. Weekend

▶ Kids from St. Luke's Child Care Centre peer up at Mayor Jim Watson, right, as he gives them a tour of the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame at city hall Monday.

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Learning hockey history with the mayor

Mayor Jim Watson hosted the tour of the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame to mark the lead-up to this weekend's NHL all-star game — which one of the kids called "Go Sens Go day!"

Documents contradict Clement on G8 fund: NDP

▶ NDP accuses minister of choosing grant recipients ▶ Clement denies charges and says he only made recommendations

The NDP has released memos in which a senior federal bureaucrat contradicts Treasury Board President Tony Clement's insistence that he was not involved in dividing a $50-million fund to spruce up his riding before the 2010 G8 summit.

Clement has insisted he acted simply as an intermediary, forwarding the wish lists of mayors in his Parry Sound-Muskoka riding to John Baird, who was then infrastructure minister.

But his assertion is directly contradicted in memos prepared by a senior civil servant involved in helping the Ontario cottage country riding reap the benefits of hosting the summit.

Tom Dodds, a senior official with FedNor, the northern Ontario economic development agency, says it was Clement's office that decided which projects would not get funding and which would be recommended for Baird's approval.

The party obtained the memos through the Access to Information Act.

The controversial fund was used to pay for gazebos, public washrooms, streetscape and park improvements, and other beautification projects throughout Clement's riding, often nowhere near the site of the summit in Huntsville. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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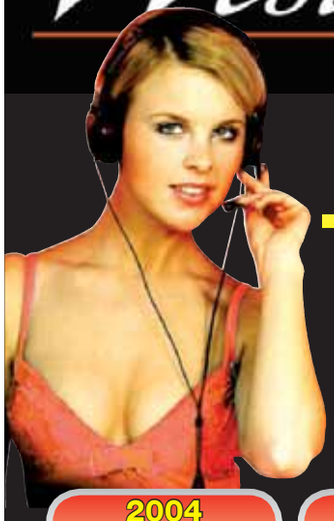

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Ottawa one of the least vulgar cities on Twitter

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When it comes to cussing in 140 characters or less, it looks like Ottawans like to hold their tongues, according to a survey by tbk Creative.

The London, Ont.-based web design and social media marketing firm sifted through more than one million tweets that contained the terms F&@K, SH#T, and DA!@IT and the names of some of Canada's most populated cities between Oct. 7 and Nov. 5, 2011.

Ottawa ranks at number 10 in a list of 15 cities with tweets containing those key terms. Only 0.43 per cent of Ottawa tweets had the cuss words. Toronto ranked 4th with 0.62 per cent of tweets laced with the curse words.

At the top of the list of foul-mouthed cities is Brampton with 1.41 per cent.

Andrew Schiestel, senior partner with tbk, said the survey is meant to be fun and shouldn't be taken very seriously.

Surrey, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver are among the bottom five in terms of vulgarity, while the top four are in Southern Ontario.

"Draw your own conclusions," he said.

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▶ Jacky Bell shows an email from Groupon on her smartphone that confirmed the purchase of her $89 coupon for $200 worth of meat from Aubrey's Meats in downtown Ottawa.

Local butcher shop halts its coupon deal

Sign on front door says, 'We need to rebuild what this store stands for, i.e. quality and service' Situations like these happen 'very rarely': Groupon

One of the customers who bought an online coupon for some heavily discounted meat from an Ottawa butcher shop said she isn't turned off from social buying even though the store isn't honouring the deal.

Jacky Bell visited Aubrey's Meats on York Street Monday only to see a sign on the front window saying online coupons and gift cards will not be accepted until May. She bought an $89 coupon for $200 worth of meat from Aubrey's in October.

CBC News reported last week that the shop experienced difficulty in keeping up with the demand of all the coupons sold after the owner passed away.

Websites like Groupon offer steep discounts to a variety of businesses after a certain number of people buy into it. If that number is met before the offer expires, everyone who places an order will get the coupon delivered to their email inbox.

While some took to Twitter to express their disappointment with the situation, Bell said her experience likely won't deter her from using Groupon.

"I understand why they might be upset," she said. "It's a sucky situation, (but) calm down."

Aubrey's was closed Monday and management could not be reached for comment. Bell said she still intends to buy coupons from sites like Groupon and buy meat from Aubrey's.

"I like buying local, pesticide-free products," she said. "I would just wait until after April and try again."

Julie Mossler, a Groupon spokesperson, said affected subscribers should receive an email within the next few days explaining how to obtain a refund from the Chicago-based company.

Ottawa-based Kahoot.ca also offered its subscribers a similar deal from Aubrey's and management said it will try to help them.

"We are working diligently to come up with some sort of a solution for our valued subscribers," Kahoot management wrote in an email statement.

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Things have been looking up for North American markets thus far in 2012. Allan Small explains why at metronews.ca/investing

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▶ One of the cats rescued in 2009.

Women caught hoarding cats

PET BAN. The Ottawa Humane Society will be asking a court next month to prohibit a mother and daughter from owning pets for the rest of their lives after they allegedly violated conditions of their sentence last year for hoarding 36 cats.

A recent search of their home found the pair had acquired 13 more cats despite being ordered by a judge not to own any pets aside from two dogs.

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Woman pinned under snowplow

LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. An Ottawa woman was hospitalized with life threatening injuries Monday night after being hit by a snowplow and pinned under its wheel, paramedics say.

The collision closed Woodroofe Avenue at Iris Street to north- and south-bound traffic as emergency personnel worked to free the woman and treat her injuries. METRO

Police board reappoints chair

EL-CHANTIRY. The Ottawa Police Services Board reappointed West Carleton Ward Coun. Eli El-Chantiry as its chair, and provincially appointed member Jim Durrell as its vice chair.

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NHL warns of fake jerseys

Ties to organized crime, shoddy workmanship among perils of counterfeit jerseys, trademark-holder says ◐ Surge in sellers expected for all-star game

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▶ Sports commentator Francois Gagnon holds up a counterfeit jersey with the name of Tampa Bay Lightning's Vincent Lecavalier spelled incorrectly last fall in Montreal

In addition to hockey fans, the all-star game in Ottawa will likely draw sellers of counterfeit jerseys to town — some that have ties to organized crime and others that are poorly made, according to a warning from the NHL Enterprise group.

The group licenses NHL teams' trademarks and authorizes all "official" merchandise.

They will be working with the RCMP in Ottawa to stop counterfeit merchandise sellers who might come to town for the all-star game.

"Because it's a big event that gets fans excited, it's a good opportunity for counterfeiters to come in and take advantage of people who may not realize they're getting stuck with substandard merchandise," said Tom Prochnow, NHL Enterprises group vice president.

Some of the fake merchandise is sold out of duffle bags in the arena parking lot, some online and some in stores.

"Some people know, but a lot of people aren't aware," he said. "They think they're getting a good deal on something and it's not a good deal if it's the wrong colour, there's a typo or if it shrinks two sizes in the wash."

Prochnow said some sellers of counterfeit jerseys also have ties to organized crime.

"The counterfeiting business in general is connected to organized crime. A lot of times, the same people who are selling counterfeit jerseys one day are selling drugs another day," Prochnow said.

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Crime bill too costly: Ontario

Quebec and Nfld., also say Bill C-10 will overwhelm their courts

The omnibus federal crime bill will cost Ontario more than $1 billion in increased police and court costs, the province's Liberal government said Monday as it demanded Ottawa pick up the tab.

Ontario faces "the very real possibility" of having to build a new 1,000-bed jail, at a cost of $900 million, to house the extra prisoners who will be arrested and sentenced under Bill C-10, said Correctional Services Minister Madeleine Meilleur, who added she would be calling on the federal government to cover the extra costs.

Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson was unavailable to comment Monday, but his office said the cost of crime on society far exceeds the cost of fighting crime. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Capacity crunch

- There are about 8,500 inmates in Ontario correctional facilities, which operate at about 95 per cent capacity, said Correctional Services Minister Madeleine Meilleur.
- The province estimates the Conservatives' crime bill could add another 1,500 inmates to the provincial system by 2016, pushing populations to 150 per cent of capacity at some jails.

Southern. Storms

▶ John Braswell, right, Joe Braswell and Andrew Hughes, pastor of Beardon Methodist Church, remove fallen trees from a car in Fordyce, Ark., on Monday. Strong storms struck the area late Sunday.

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Wild weather wallops Alabama

A storm system that hit Arkansas Sunday night moved on to Alabama Monday, with violent weather and possible tornadoes leaving dozens of people injured and killing at least two, including a man who lived in an area devastated by a deadly twister outbreak in the spring.

Radiation from speedy solar flare bombarding Earth

The sun is bombarding Earth with radiation from the biggest solar storm in more than six years, with more to come from the fast-moving eruption.

The solar flare happened at about 11 p.m. EST Sunday and will hit Earth with three different effects at three different times. The biggest issue is radiation, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Space Weather Prediction Center in Colorado.

The radiation is mostly a concern for satellite disruptions and astronauts in space. It can also cause communication problems for polar-travelling airplanes, said space weather centre physicist Doug Biesecker.

Radiation from Sunday's flare arrived at Earth an hour later and will likely continue through Wednesday. Levels are considered strong but other storms have been more severe. There are two higher levels of radiation on NOAA's storm scale — severe and extreme — Biesecker said.

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▶ This NASA image, taken Sunday night, shows a solar flare erupting on the sun's northeastern hemisphere.

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The radiation — in the form of protons — came flying out of the sun at 150 million km/h.

Still, this storm is the strongest for radiation since May 2005.

NASA's flight surgeons and solar experts examined the solar flare's expected effects and decided that the six astronauts on the International Space Station do not have to do anything to protect themselves from the radiation, spokesman Rob Navias said.

Scientists watching the sun with a new NASA satellite launched in 2010 — during the sun's quiet period — are excited.

"We haven't had anything like this for a number of years," said Antti Pulkkinen, a physicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. "It's kind of special." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man charged after snowmobile chase

An Alberta man is due in an Ontario court Tuesday to face charges stemming from a snowmobile chase involving police.

Provincial police say officers tried to stop a snowmobile carrying an adult and a child northwest of Peterborough, Ont., on Saturday because neither was wearing a helmet.

Police say the snowmobile sped off at more than 100 kilometres per hour,

The snowmobile stopped at the Bailey's Bay Resort and the driver fled, leaving behind the five-year-old child, who was not injured.

The driver was apprehended inside a trailer after a scuffle during which he was pepper sprayed.

Scott Milton McKenzie, 25, of Fort McMurray, Alta., faces numerous charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

War crimes suspect deported

A man accused of crimes related to the Rwandan genocide has been deported from Canada.

Rwanda's Foreign Minister Louise Mushikiwabo confirmed on Twitter on Monday night that Leon Mugesera was on a plane bound for Rwanda.

He is among the first Western refugee claimants to be sent back to Rwanda to face charges related to the 1994 massacre.

He had been living in Canada for nearly two decades and had appealed his case repeatedly. He lost a last-ditch attempt to stave off deportation in Quebec Superior Court on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Leon Mugesera

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Soldier's hazing, suicide could lead to court martial

Eight soldiers charged in death of American infantryman who shot himself on tour in Afghanistan

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▶ Pte. Danny Chen, 19, shot himself on Oct. 3, 2011, after weeks of alleged abuse in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

An investigative hearing has recommended that an American soldier be court-martialed over hazing that allegedly led to a fellow infantryman's suicide in Afghanistan, but dismissed the most serious charge against him, the U.S. military said Monday.

Specialist Ryan Offutt is one of eight soldiers charged in the death of 19-year-old Pte. Danny Chen, who shot himself last October after what investigators say were weeks of physical abuse, humiliation and racial slurs.

A native New Yorker of Chinese descent, Chen had been in Afghanistan only two months when he shot himself in a guardhouse at an outpost in Afghanistan's Kandahar province.

The investigative hearing recommended that Offutt, 32, be court-martialed on charges including assault, negligent homicide and reckless endangerment, a statement from the U.S. military said.

It said the hearing, which ended Sunday, did not recommend trial for an additional charge of involuntary manslaughter, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The most serious charge Offutt now faces is negligent homicide, which carries a prison sentence of up to three years.

The regional American military commander will make a final decision on any court martial based on the hearing's recommendations, the statement said.

Attorneys for Offutt could not immediately be contacted. Offutt joined the U.S. Army in 2006 and served 14 months in Iraq before being deployed to Afghanistan.

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Investigation

- **Chen's family** has said investigators told them that Chen was subjected to racial slurs and forced to do excessive sit-ups, push-ups, runs and sprints carrying sandbags.
- **Seven other members** of Chen's unit will face similar hearings over the next month at Kandahar Air Field, the sprawling base for U.S. and NATO operations in the south.

Putin is messenger of God, says cult leader

TANYA SIDORCHENKO
IN MOSCOW

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▶ Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

An icon of "Saint" Vladimir Putin has begun to ooze myrrh, a religious cult leader in central Russia claims.

The Putin-worshipping cult in Nizhny Novgorod, led by former convict Svetlana Frolova, now known by followers as Mother Fotinya, believes this to be a heavenly sign of God's presence of Earth.

"Attention! Starting from Thursday, the icon of Vladimir Putin has been renewed and is seeping myrrh," a statement read on the cult's website. "God is giving us signs of His gracious presence."

In the Russian Orthodox Church, myrrh streaming out of icons, as well as the renewal of icons, are considered to be miracles.

On her cult's website, Frolova added that the Russian prime minister is on a mission "to rechristen our pagan country." She also considers him to be the embodiment of Russia's first ruler from medieval times, Vladimir the Great, and of the apostle Paul.

"The apostle Paul was a brutal persecutor of Christians, but then began to preach the gospel. During his service in the KGB, Putin was also involved in not so righteous deeds. But when he became president, the Holy Spirit descended upon him" she told the newspaper Sobesednik.

Mother Fotinya

- **The cult leader** is allegedly related to the 59-year-old prime minister — albeit in another lifetime. "Fotinya told us that she herself was Putin's cousin in a past life," a nurse from a children's medical centre near the cult's church, told Metro.
- **Reports allege** that Frolova's sect, founded in 2005, was set up so followers could transfer their assets into her account.

Obama to 'hang' in chatroom

U.S. President Barack Obama plans to "hang out" in a video chatroom to answer questions about his State of the Union address, part of a White House effort to test new social networking tools and the latest evidence of the growing intersection of social media and politics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-Jewish attitudes still alive?

A new study by a Parliament-appointed commission shows 20 per cent of Germans harbour "latent" anti-Semitism, but anti-Jewish crimes are almost exclusively committed by the far right. The study puts Germans in the middle of the pack in Europe.

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Hungary dismisses report

Italy says Hungarian authorities have dismissed as "groundless" a report that an unregistered Hungarian woman was aboard the Costa Concordia cruise ship when it capsized. The statement said the person calling in the report gave a false name of someone who had died three years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RIM's new CEO already in hot seat

Analysts wonder whether Heins will lead company or prepare to sell

RIM's course set by former CEOs

After being appointed to lead the troubled BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion, newly minted CEO Thorsten Heins is already under fire.

Takeover talk began circulating Monday as investors and analysts pondered whether the little-known Heins had been appointed to lead a RIM turnaround or prepare it for sale.

Heins made it clear he wants RIM to do a better job rolling out new products on time and improving communications with customers. He also indicated he will be steering a course set largely by founders and former CEOs Mike Lazaridis and James Balsillie, who resigned on Saturday.

"If Thorsten really believes that there are no changes to be made, he will be gone within 15 to 18 months. He will be a transitional CEO and this will be a transitional board," said Jaguar CEO Vic Alboini, who leads an informal group of 16 RIM shareholders holding just under 10 per cent of the shares. Alboini criticized keeping Balsillie and Lazaridis on RIM's board and called for several board members to step down before the company's mid-year annual meeting.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Thorsten Heins has been named president and CEO at RIM.

Queen's University business professor John Pliniussen doesn't feel Heins is the right choice to turn RIM around.

"It's the right move but the wrong guy. He's been there four years and is part of the reason behind RIM's underwhelming product and marketing missteps," said Pliniussen.

Once one of Canada's most valuable companies, RIM has seen its fortunes plunge as it lost market share to competitors. RIM's problems were made worse by disappointing sales of its PlayBook tablet, a global four-day BlackBerry service outage last year and product release delays.

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Heins' history

- **Heins, born in 1957** is not a well-known quantity. He joined RIM in December 2007 as a senior vice-president for hardware engineering and became chief operating officer for product and sales in August.
- **The 54-year-old native** of Munich, Germany joined the German engineering group Siemens AG straight out of university in 1984, the year RIM was founded in Waterloo, Ont. He holds a master's degree in science and physics.
- **Prior to joining RIM in 2007,** Thorsten was chief technology officer of Siemens' communications division.

Heins to stay on course or change?

Technology analyst Carmi Levy says Heins brings nearly three decades of telecom industry experience to the table.

With senior leadership experience in Europe, Heins has been a driver of the company's push into global markets, said Levy.

The big question is his willingness to change.

"His initial interviews with the media point to a stay-the-course. This is not how radical change begins, and his intimacy with the company could work against him as he faces a growing mountain of tough choices required to rebuild RIM's brand," said Levy.

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Harper's eyes on exports at World Economic Forum

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is off to the international economic thinkfest in Davos, Switzerland this week, where he will reiterate Canada's desire to diversify its trade, especially its oil exports, said his spokesman Andrew MacDougall.

"It's important to us now that a road has been blocked in the States," MacDougall said, referring to the recent Keystone XL pipeline decision.

MacDougall did not mention China specifically, but said Harper is eyeing emerging markets.

Meanwhile, the Occupy movement has come to the World Economic Forum, an annual gathering of 2,600 decision-makers from nearly 100 countries and hundreds of companies that starts Wednesday.

VIPs in Davos are usually sheltered from critics. This year, the global question-the-establishment wave has brought in a small band of protesters, with an igloo-and-yurt camp and anti-capitalist entreaties ready to greet the big bosses of business and world politics.

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Digital music sales stuck: Lobby group

A report by the global music industry lobbying group says the growth in digital revenues remains stuck in the single figures. The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry blames piracy and government sluggishness. While a report says that digital revenue has risen by 8 per cent, one analyst says that isn't enough to make up for the decline in sales elsewhere.

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THE AT-HOME WORKOUT FROM HELL

SHE SAYS ...

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Have you ever seen those people running outside in the depths of winter? You know, the ones huffing and puffing along icy sidewalks while wearing full-face masks and chains on their sneakers. I refuse to be one of those people and as such, I've had to bring my workout routine indoors.

Since I also refuse to sign up for a gym membership — I've probably signed up and dropped out of every fitness facility within a 30-kilometre radius of my apartment — I decided that this winter I would embrace the at-home workout DVD.

Have you ever done an exercise video in your living room? No matter how reputable your workout of choice is, you will always feel like a complete moron.

These fitness DVDs take place in an entirely different kind of reality. Filmed in fluorescent studios and exotic tropical locations, they feature super-human instructors whose bodies look as if they've been chiseled out of spray-tanned marble. They have terrifying titles like INSANITY! and promise to RIP AND SHRED YOUR BODY, as if those are actually desirable outcomes.

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Despite my initial reservations, I decided to give it a shot.

I don't own a television but I do own a $1,500 MacBook Pro (priorities, people). I agonize over finding the best location to set up my laptop — desk, chair, ottoman? It doesn't really matter because I still end up spending the next 50 minutes tilting the screen back and forth as I hop around my living room.

Despite his retro appeal, there is no place for Richard Simmons in today's modern home-video exercise world. My 2012-ready instructor is a hard-bodied blond dressed in a pink camo-print sports bra. She flaunts her Britney Spears' circa-2001 abs as she leads me through a sequence of torturous exercises.

Forgetting that I am in a basement, I almost break a finger as I whack my hand on the low ceiling while performing a series of "power jacks," a maniacal cousin to the traditional jumping jack.

When the instructor's unremitting perkiness becomes too much, I drown her out with my own inner monologue. Am I engaging my core right now? What does that even feel like? Is that my phone? Will my apartment smell like sweat after this?

Finally, the instructor utters the two most beautiful words in the English language: "Cool down." As I stretch out on my yoga mat, I find myself wondering where I could pick up some of those chains for my running shoes.

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Should the porn industry be forced to use condoms?

75% YES, IT'S A WORKPLACE SAFETY ISSUE

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25% NO, IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE EMPLOYER

Local tweets

- **@tweetsonlo:** Bad news #Ottawa, the forecast calls for near-zero temperatures. Chances of the canal freezing in time for Thursday are bleak.
- **@Kim_Moir:** Where can you buy okra in #ottawa ? My southern gumbo is not the same without it and Loblaws stopped carrying it.
- **@lauraLTPF:** there's never anything good to eat in my house... #firstworldproblems
- **@rejudynation:** I don't get it. Freezing rain and melting ice, at the same time. #Ottawa #dlws
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Rise of the fake sun

'Sun' brightens winter morning

LONDON. Dawn broke an hour early in central London after a fake "sun" was raised to beat the Monday morning blues. Onlookers took to deck chairs to bathe in glowing light as the installation over Trafalgar Square began at 6:51 a.m. It didn't set until 7:33 p.m., giving the square three more hours of "daylight."

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"There are very few moments more spectacular and uplifting than watching an early morning sunrise."
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Trafalgar Sun

- **Is 30,000 times the size of a soccer ball.** It has a surface area of 200 m², and weighs over 5,500 pounds. A crane was used to hold the orb in air.
- **Worth 60,000 light bulbs.** The sun's internal core produces four-million lumens of light.
- **Time to wait for sunrise.** Greyworld took six months to create the installation.

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Kiefer's new touch

Kiefer Sutherland tackles a more cerebral role in the new series Touch
But Touch has its own action — a boy with a gift for predicting the future

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Kiefer Sutherland says he wasn't looking to come back to TV so soon after his eight-season, Emmy-winning stint on 24. But then he read the script for Touch.

"It wasn't really a choice," says Sutherland, who was starring in a Broadway play at the time. "It was around page 30, I remember going dammit! I just knew I'd be so remiss if I didn't do it."

The series, from Heroes creator Tim Kring, definitely stands out from the usual TV crowd. On one level, it's a drama of a father, Martin (Sutherland), who is attempting to reach his autistic, mute son Jake.

But it's also a science fiction tale — in that Jake possesses an ability to make numerical connections that seem to predict future events in the world. Interpreting what those numbers might mean soon becomes Martin's full-time job. For Sutherland himself, the show is essentially about family. "I've always felt it was a drama," Sutherland says. "You're embarking on a journey of a father trying to connect to his son. That's at the heart of the show."

But will fans of Sutherland's shoot-first-talk-later character Jack Bauer on 24 be convinced to watch the more cerebral Touch?

"Well, we're not blowing things up. But I think there's enough excitement around the show. There's a great deal of suspense in not knowing what (Jake's) numbers are," he says.

Sutherland even sees parallels between his 24 character and Touch's more down-to-earth Martin. "Jack Bauer was faced with unbelievable circumstances to overcome. And by the end, you realize this guy's never going to win. On Touch, you realize Martin is never going to have that quintessential father/son relationship with his son, and yet he too perseveres."

Touch premieres Wednesday at 9 p.m. (ET) on Global.

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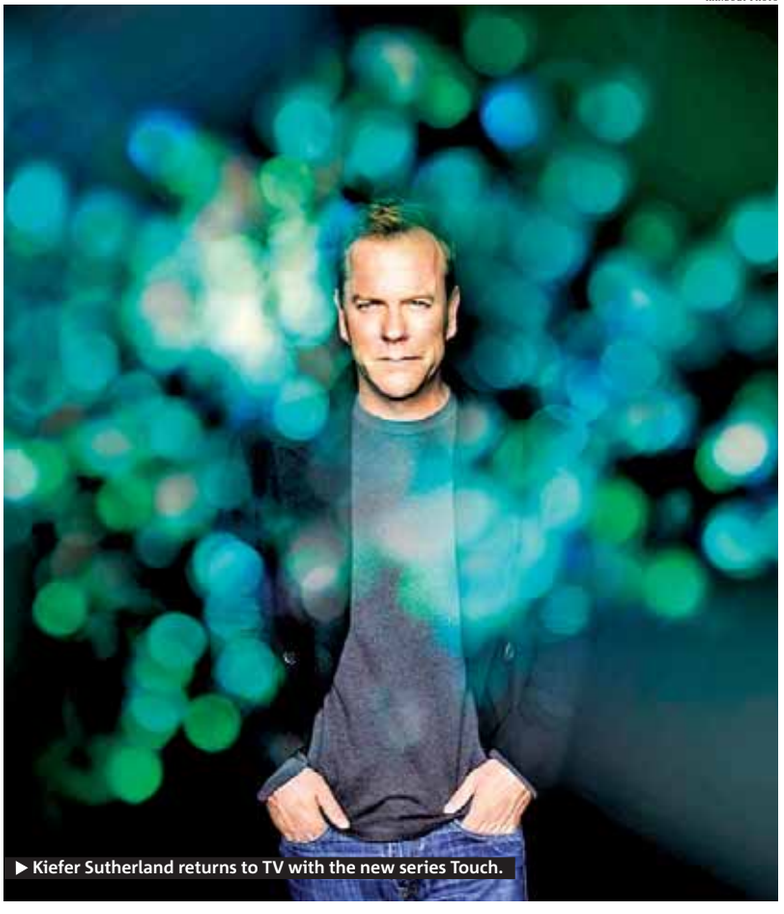

▶ Kiefer Sutherland returns to TV with the new series Touch.

Martin Bohm vs. Jack Bauer

How does Kiefer Sutherland's new character in Touch, Martin Bohm, compare to 24's Jack Bauer?

- **Similarities — both men have children they're trying to protect:** Martin Bohm's 11-year-old son, Jake, has trouble connecting with people emotionally and Martin yearns to shield him from the judgmental world. Kim, Jack Bauer's daughter, needs to be kept safe from the numerous terrorists who are looking to kidnap and harm her as a way to weaken Jack.
- **They're both widowers:** Martin's wife met an untimely death when she was working in the World Trade Center during the September 11 terrorist attacks. Jack's wife, Teri, was killed at the hands of double agent Nina Myers.
- **Differences — they live on opposite sides of the country:** Martin and his son are located in New York. Jack, although rarely in one place for a long time, resides in Los Angeles.
- **They are in different lines of work:** Although Martin currently works as a baggage handler at JFK Airport, his previous career was as an investigative reporter for the Herald. Jack worked for the Los Angeles Counter Terrorist Unit, in some capacity or another.

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Scene in brief

Get ready for The Bachelor, Canadian-style. Citytv says the popular reality series is coming north and is scheduled to launch on the network this fall. A search for Canadian bachelorettes began Monday at Citytv.com.
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Health scares of the stars

K-Fed suffers 'mini heart attack' Tracy Morgan collapses in Utah

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The Australians must be desperate.

They've flown Kevin Federline, 33, all the way to their country to star in their weight-loss reality show, Excess Baggage (because, apparently, Celebrity Fit Club worked out so well for him).

But the Aussie show's workouts were too much for the former dancer/chronic egg fertilizer, and, according to local reports, his heart went "PopoZão" and he was rushed to a hospital with chest pains. It was so severe that, according to reports, Federline suffered a "mini heart attack" (which sounds like an oxymoron if there ever was one).

▶ Tracy Morgan

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Tracy Morgan was also rushed to the hospital in Park City, Utah on Monday, after he collapsed at the Creative Coalition Spotlight Awards.

A source told the Hollywood Reporter that at the function, "Morgan seemed inebriated, yelling and falling onto the ground."

I know what you are thinking and no, it was not booze. It was the altitude that felled the 30 Rock star.

Per his rep: "From a combination of exhaustion and altitude, Tracy is seeking medical attention. He is with his fiancé and grateful to the Park City Medical Center for their care. Any reports of Tracy consuming alcohol are 100 per cent false."

▶ Kevin Federline

This is one of those rare occasions that a PR statement is true: The hospital reports that Morgan did not have alcohol or drugs in his system when he was admitted.

Klum and Seal: Yup, it's over

Heidi Klum and Seal have confirmed that they are separating after seven years together, according to People magazine.

"While we have enjoyed seven very loving, loyal and happy years of marriage, after much soul-searching we have decided to separate," Klum says in a statement.

"We have had the deepest respect for one another throughout our relationship and continue to love each other very much, but we have grown apart. This is an amicable process, and protecting the well-being of our children remains our top priority, especially during this time of transition." Seal and Klum are parents to Leni, 7, Henry, 6, Johan, 5, and Lou, 2. METRO

▶ Heidi Klum and Seal

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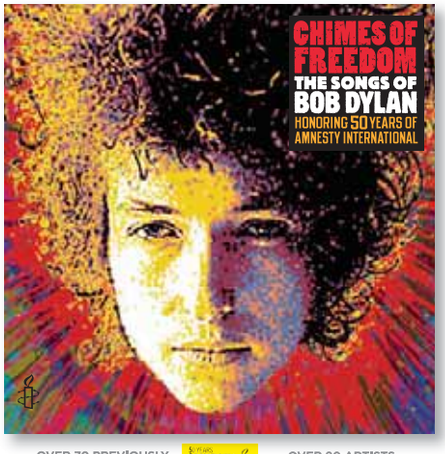

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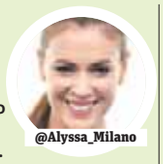

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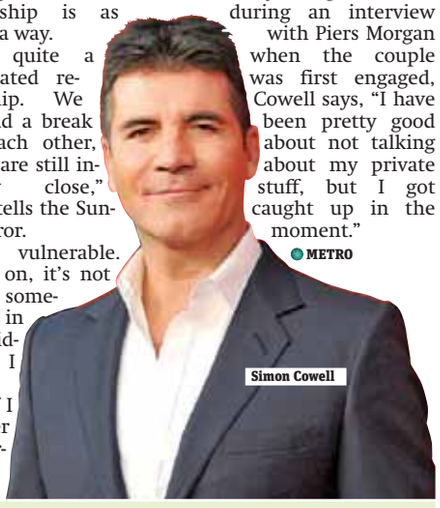
Simon says the wedding is off

Simon Cowell says his engagement to Mezhgan Hussainy is off — and the relationship is as well, in a way.

"It's quite a complicated relationship. We have had a break from each other, and we are still incredibly close," Cowell tells the Sunday Mirror.

"I'm vulnerable. It's not on, it's not off, it's somewhere in the middle. I don't know if I will ever get married, but I am happy."

As for his gushing about Hussainy being "the one" during an interview with Piers Morgan when the couple was first engaged, Cowell says, "I have been pretty good about not talking about my private stuff, but I got caught up in the moment." METRO



Simon Cowell

5,000 miles apart?

With reports of trouble in their 14-year relationship, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have reportedly been living apart this week — 5,000 miles apart, according to People magazine. While Depp has kept a low profile in Los Angeles, Paradis has been spotted in Paris shopping and prepping for the premiere of her new film, Café de Flore. Earlier last week, Paradis stopped into a department store to pick up some DVDs, including the Marilyn Monroe classic The Seven-Year Itch. METRO

▶ Johnny Depp

World of eye care can be confusing

Learn the difference between a sight test and a full eye exam And research before you go

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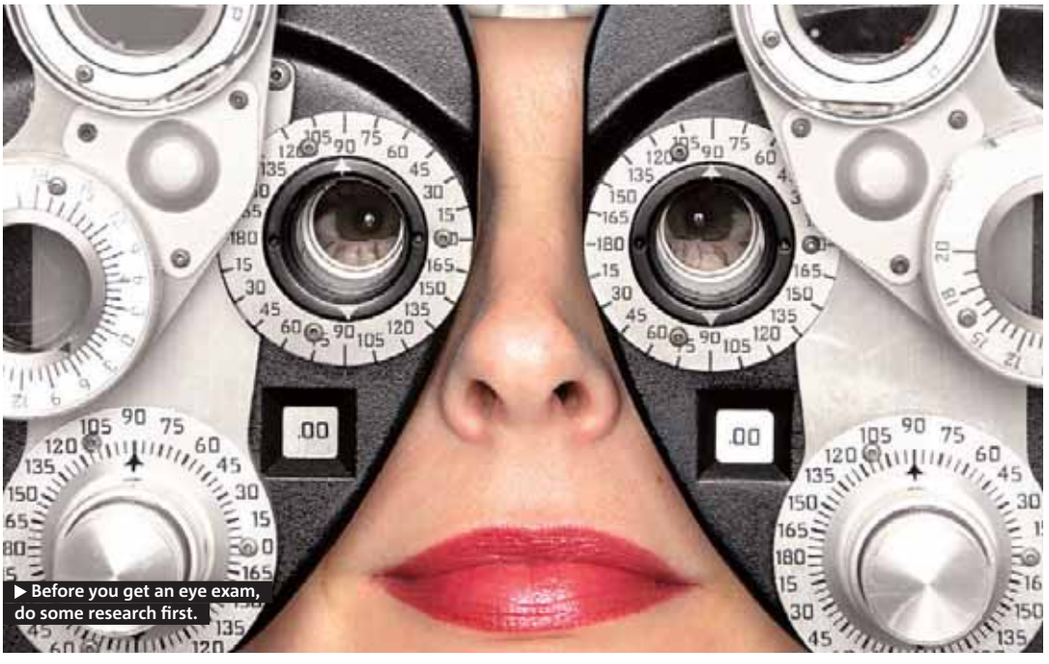

▶ Before you get an eye exam, do some research first.

Your eyes need health check-ups, too.

But how do you navigate the world of optometrists, opticians and ophthalmologists? Most of us aren't clear on who does what.

"It is a source of confusion in the public," says Dr. Riaz Ahmed, an optometrist in Calgary.

Here's how he explains it: Opticians are the people who sell you glasses and contact lenses, optometrists are your primary eye-care provider and ophthalmologists treat serious eye diseases and do eye surgery.

Ahmed recommends eye exams every two years for most adults.

If you are young (under 19) or older (over 65), you should get an eye exam every year. A recent study that examined patterns among more than 130,000 Canadians found that only 40 per cent saw an eye-care provider in the previous year.

"If you go get an eye exam, make sure it is either with an optometrist or an ophthalmologist."
DR. RIAZ AHMED

Make sure you go to someone who is qualified in eye health.

"If you go get an eye exam, make sure it is either with an optometrist or an ophthalmologist," he says. "A sight test at an optician is not a full eye exam."

Optometrists like Ahmed have been to university for a minimum of eight years.

They do routine eye exams and deal with common eye problems such as infections or a foreign object in the eye.

They can manage, on a regular basis, eye problems resulting from diabetes or glaucoma.

An ophthalmologist has the most education, including a Bachelor degree, four years of medical school, plus a residency in the specialty.

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Health

A new website — myhealthtips.com — features collaborative work between a Canadian doctor and Terry Jones of Monty Python, shown, that blends humour and health advice.
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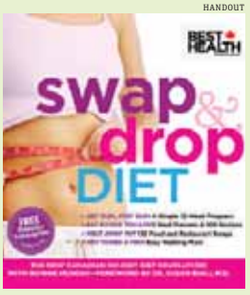

Check out our Swap & Drop Diet I talked in my last column about our new diet book, Swap & Drop, which is full of ideas for small changes you can make that add up over time to lost pounds.

This week, I want to let you in on some details in the book's section on dining out.

We all end up in a drive-through, a mall food court or a family restaurant at some point during the week.

These places can be danger zones if you're watching your weight, so we thought it would be super helpful to provide nutritional information about restaurant menus to help you choose what to order.

We studied the menus at 10 chains across Canada — Boston Pizza, East Side Mario's, Harvey's, The Keg, KFC, McDonald's, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell and Tim Horton's — and made some surprising discoveries.

For example, one of these places has a bruschetta that contains 1,145 calories and 59 grams of fat.

The swap at that restaurant?

A shrimp cocktail with just 127 calories and 1 gram of fat.

At a coffee chain, the raisin bran muffin has more than 400 calories and 13 grams of fat. The swap, if you're looking for a treat with your coffee, is the cookie with fruit and nuts; you'll cut the calories and fat almost in half.

And then there are breakfast sandwiches. At one chain, a sausage, egg and cheese on a biscuit has almost 600 calories and 37 grams of fat. Choose a ham, egg and cheese on an English muffin and save 300 calories and 25 grams of fat. That kind of change really adds up to make the difference on your bathroom scale.

These are just a few highlights of the Swap & Drop Diet book, which is $29.95 and available wherever books are sold, and at besthealthmag.ca/swap.

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▶ A study of helmets used by children for winter activities offers some new data on the various types of head protection that would suit tobogganers.

Putting impact helmets to test

Ottawa lab testing head protection for tobogganing

Parents who take their youngsters tobogganing might want to top them off with a hockey helmet based on new test results of protective headgear for winter activities.

A team from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute and University of Ottawa compared the protective characteristics of three types of helmets used by children age seven and under. The study was published Friday in the Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics.

In a laboratory setting, head forms fitted to helmets for ice hockey, alpine skiing and cycling were subjected to front and side impacts at two-, four-, six- and eight-metres per second, using a special monorail drop rig.

Helmets

Alpine helmets

▶ **Didn't test well** The researchers found that alpine helmets didn't score well on front hits but did well on side impacts, which often occur on a ski hill.

Impact and surface velocities were chosen to simulate an impact similar to what might be expected for a child on the toboggan hill.

Safety performance was defined by the ability of a helmet to reduce acceleration of the head during the impact, said Dr. Blaine Hoshizaki, director of the Neurotrauma Impact Laboratory. The team found that the ice hockey helmet was the most protective at the lower-velocity impacts, while the bike helmet was the most protective at the high-velocity impact.

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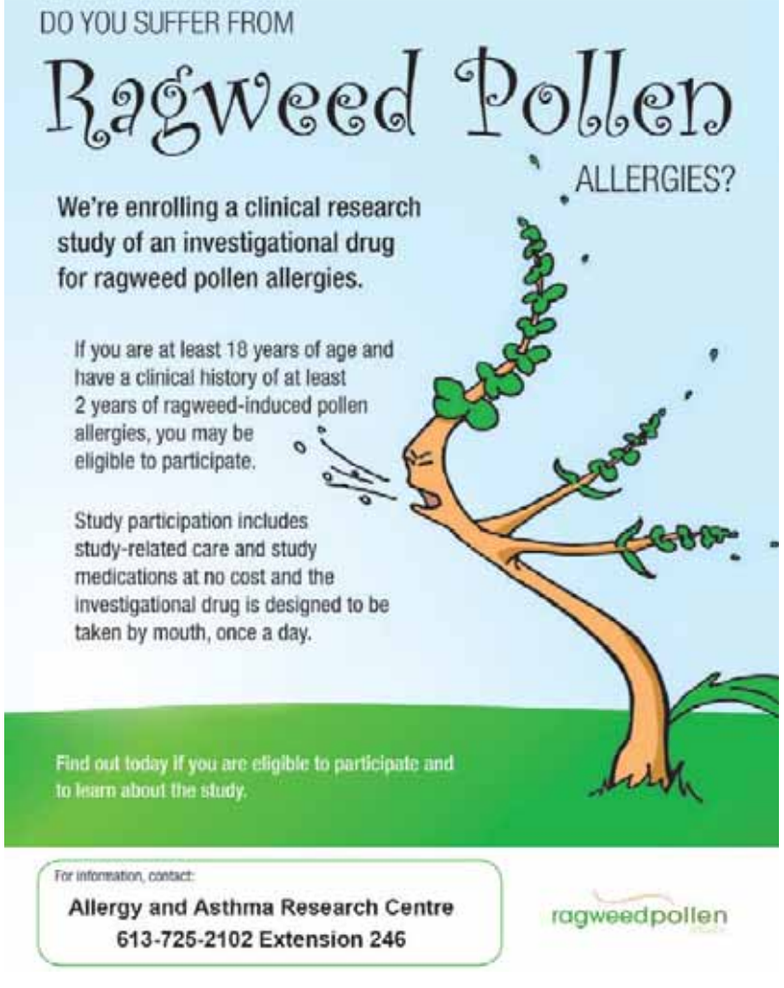
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Egg Rolls ($1.70 each).

Yesterday marked the start of the Chinese New Year and to celebrate I wanted to taste the best egg rolls in the city. Golden Palace lays claim to this title.

The decor inside has not changed much during its 50-year reign. A fanciful colour tiled ceiling, fuschia paint on some walls, turquoise on others and red touches balance out the colour theme.

The egg rolls were stuffed generously with a filling of lightly flavoured pork that was encased in a crisp wonton roll. Burnt ends added a distinctive taste. They were impeccable.

However, the two main dishes were expensive, tasteless and overall disappointing. The Chicken Almond Guy Din had no flavour but only a gloopy texture spoiled by a rancid bite from a bad almond.

Though the spare ribs promised to be garlic-infused, they were glazed with a citrus orange sauce without a hint of garlic.

If you want to celebrate the Year of the Dragon with an egg roll, Golden Palace is the place.

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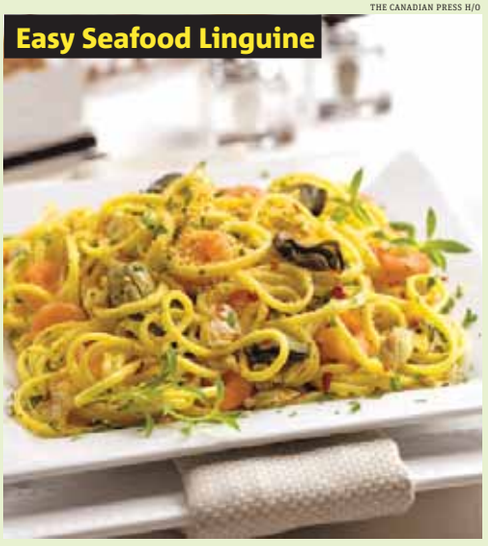
Easy Seafood Linguine



Preparation:

1. In a large pot of boiling water, cook pasta until al dente. Drain and keep warm.
2. While pasta is cooking, heat olive oil in a frying pan and sauté garlic for 3 to 4 minutes. Add breadcrumbs and chili flakes; cook for 1 minute. Add clams with liquid, shrimp, oysters and white wine; cook for another 2 to 3 minutes. Toss seafood mixture with pasta, add parsley and season with pepper. Garnish with extra breadcrumbs. Serve.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) linguine pasta
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) breadcrumbs, plus extra for garnish
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) chili flakes
- 1 can (142 g) baby yellow clams, undrained
- 1 can (106 g) medium shrimp, drained
- 1 can (133 g) Pacific oysters, drained
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) white wine
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) coarsely chopped parsley
- Cracked black pepper

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As some of you know, I have just completed another 18-day Asian tour, which took me to Shanghai, Bangkok, Manila and Hong Kong, before returning to Toronto. So what does this have to do with today's column?

Well, it's the start of Chinese New Year and I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to learn how we acknowledge another culture's holiday.

Firstly, there is absolutely nothing wrong with asking someone from a different faith, background or nationality the meaning of and how he or she celebrates a particular holiday.

So, with the start of Chinese New Year, how do the Chinese celebrate their new year's holiday and how should others acknowledge this important holiday?

Although some Chinese people will greet each other with a traditional phrase, it is absolutely fine for people of another culture to say "Happy New Year."

Now, if you see people receiving a red envelope, don't panic. You don't need to do anything.

Traditionally, when youngsters come to wish the seniors good health, a red envelope with small amounts of money inside is given to the children to wish them good luck and good fortune in the new year.

You are neither expected nor required to give a gift of any kind.

However, if you feel compelled to give something, sweets to symbolize a sweet year, and/or oranges, are always a good thing. If you are going to wrap the present, ideally it should be wrapped in something red and gold, which are the traditional colours of the holiday.

Now, as my dear friend from Peninsula Hotel in Shanghai said upon my departure last week, "I wish you a Happy Chinese New Year, Mr. Charles, and a wonderful year of the Dragon!" I couldn't have said it better myself.

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TWO SISTERS

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Hello Claire and Andrea, I am in my early 30s and I am a single guy. I feel very lonely, like my life is passing me by. At times I feel jealous to see people older and younger than me getting married and I do not know what to do about it. I am always told I am too nice and I am shy with girls as well. I do not know how to reach out to people using technology. I would rather someone take the initiative or be face to face. How do I go about this when at times I feel like I am losing people or friendships? Danny

Andrea: Dear depressed Danny,

I've learned that any transformation worth going through comes with its share of pain. Right now you're going through yours, and I hope that it pushes you to stand up for yourself and to believe that you are also entitled to a loving relationship.

Holidays can bring on the blues, but the new year is all about new beginnings. Get excited about where you're going. Put in the work to improve yourself and your outlook.

No one will make it happen for you, but once you're successful in achieving your goal, you'll be happy that you went through it.

Claire: Dear depressed Danny,

You're right, technology can make forming friendships harder, not easier. But dating sites are the exception.

Make peace with your keyboard and try setting up a dating profile for at least three months — you can exchange emails with people you're interested in, but remember to sound (and stay) positive.

There are lots of people who feel lonely out there, and who would love to meet someone like you.

Also, try to engage in group activities: join a running club, volunteer somewhere, do things you enjoy.

Trust me, you'll find love or love will find you, so that one day you'll look back on these days of freedom and independence with longing.

Carpe date 'em, carpe diem!

TWO SISTERS, 20-SOMETHING ANDREA AND 30-SOMETHING CLAIRE, OFFER THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES.

Do you text and walk at the same time?

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Have you ever bumped into a light post? Tripped on a trash can? Stumbled upon an old friend, literally?

If so, you may have a texting-while-walking problem.

Filmmaker Casey Neistadt explores these issues and more in a hilarious documentary for the New York Times, Texting While Walking: A Dangerous Game.

In it, Neistadt gives a series of scientific illustrations demonstrating exactly how harmful (not to mention annoying!) walking and texting can be.

"Let's stop acting like hollowed-out zombies, with BlackBerrys and iPhones replacing eye contact, handshakes and face-to-face conversations," Neistadt writes in the accompanying article.

"It's time to live once again in the present and simply be where we are."

ISTOCK

▶ This guy is just asking for trouble. There could be a light post waiting for him around the corner.

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ON MONEY

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Having been the host of Maxed Out, a lifestyle television show, I know that good things often come out of the episodes and sometimes those good things can be a surprise.

The first episode of Million Dollar Neighbourhood, which aired Sunday on the Oprah Winfrey Network, is aiming to raise the net worth of 100 Aldergrove, B.C., families by a total of one million dollars over 10 weeks.

Every week, the community will strive to save $100,000, or an average of $1,000 per family, through a variety of means including bartering or pitching in to renovate the home of a needy family.

Most people have fat marbled throughout their spending in everything from cellphone bills to fast food fixations.

But Million Dollar Neighbourhood's first show took a slightly different tact by recovering money that had already been spent.

Cha-ching!

What would you do with a tax windfall?

- **10 per cent** of the Million Dollar Neighbourhood families who received a tax windfall said they'd use it for shopping or a vacation, which would decrease their net worth.
- **86 per cent** said they'd either save it or pay down debt. Both of which would increase net worth.

HANDOUT

▶ Million Dollar Neighbourhood co-hosts Bruce Sellery and Dr. Joti Samra. The show airs Sundays on OWN.

A tax team from H&R Block did a second look review of the families' tax returns. Astonishingly, they found errors or missed deductions in nearly a third of them. The refunds ranged from $100 to $10,000, in total more than $50,000.

I was curious at the number of filing mistakes, so I asked Cleo Hamel, senior tax analyst for H&R Block Canada, about her conclusions.

"In general, I think people get complacent and follow the same tax routine as the previous year because it is easy. A change in their income from year to year is something they take note of but understanding how to use, for example, medical expenses to their advantage requires a little more work. Or they are unsure of whether they qualify for a credit and fail to followup."

"People make many mistakes filing taxes. Take extra time to keep money in your pocket."
-ALISON'S MONEY RULE

You may not be able to avoid death or taxes but with a little vigilance you can lessen the impact of the government bite.

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PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

FUN AND FRUGAL

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I was speaking at a conference last week and the subject of insurance protection for identity theft came up in the Q & A portion of my talk.

I'm not a huge fan of this type of insurance because I believe there are far more effective ways to protect your identity than paying $15 per month to have an institution register your credit cards and monitor the activity.

Sometimes this type of insurance only covers the legal fees associated with having your identity stolen; often in excess of $10,000.

Insurance coverage cannot prevent identity theft; it only helps to detect it and cover losses associated with it.

You are the best form of insurance to protect your identity. The top five ways to ensure no one steels your identity are:

1. Don't leave your bank statements, credit or banking cards in places where someone could steal the information.

If you're using a shared computer at a library or coffee house to do your banking, clear the computer's history before you leave the terminal. Do not lend your banking cards to anyone; even a close friend.

2. Protect your passwords. When you enter in a pin number for a purchase, cover the key pad while you press the digits.

If you bank online or use sites like PayPal for purchases, change your passwords regularly.

The government of Canada has focused significant attention on this issue in recent months.

Check out their Cyber Security Strategy at publicsafety.gc.ca. Go to 'national security' and then click on 'cyber security'.

3. Shred any documentation that has personal information such as your name or address on it.

This includes letters sent for advertising purchases. You can buy a shredder for $20 at your local office supply store.

4. Read your bank statements and monitor your account activity for a minimum of 10 minutes each week.

If you see anything that looks fishy, call your bank immediately.

5. Check on your credit score regularly to ensure there are no items you don't recognize on it. If there are, contact the credit bureau immediately to have the issue investigated and resolved.

There are two credit bureaus in Canada — Equifax (equifax.ca) and TransUnion (transunion.ca).

You can request a free copy of your credit score by visiting their websites (it will arrive by mail).

Finally, if you think your identity has been stolen, you need to talk to law enforcement officials and a lawyer.

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4 sports

Senators preview

Ottawa at Phoenix
9 p.m.
TV: SNET

The Senators (27-17-6) take on Phoenix (21-20-8) after facing Los Angeles on Monday. The Coyotes have won two of their last 10 games. Mike Smith allowed four goals on 21 shots against his former team on Saturday as Phoenix lost 4-3 to the Lightning. Smith has allowed more than four goals in two of his last three starts. Ray Whitney, who turns 40 in May, has five points in his last four games and leads the Coyotes with 41 points on the season. Adrian Aucoin (lower-body) and Daymond Langkow (face) both could play Tuesday night.

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▶ John Tavares, left, reaches for the puck in front of Jonas Gustavsson during the Islanders' 3-0 loss in Toronto on Monday night.

Tavares turning heads with torrid points pace

After diversifying his game in off-season, Isles star on pace for career highs ◐ 'Every season he's getting better and better,' says skills coach

The NHL is talking about John Tavares again.

With the New York Islanders forward seemingly coming into his own and starting to reach the heights expected of a No. 1 draft pick, the fanfare that came with his arrival to the NHL in 2009 has returned.

"In my opinion, he's one of the top few forwards in the league," Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn said Monday before the first of back-to-back meetings with the Islanders.

There can be no bigger compliment than the fact virtually every opponent is drafting up defensive gameplans designed to stop the 21-year-old centre.

Very few have had much success, particularly in the past month as he built a 12-game point streak. Tavares is benefiting from the maturating process, but he's also managed to stay a stride or two ahead of opponents by reshaping his game.

84

Heading into last night's game against Toronto, Tavares was on pace for 33 goals, 51 assists and 84 points. His career-high is 29 goals, 38 assists for 67 points in 2010-11.

The work started over the summer in suburban Toronto with his longtime hockey skills coach, Dusan Kralik, who put the sniper through countless hours of passing drills in an effort to add another element to his offensive arsenal.

"He always carried the team on his shoulders in terms of scoring," Kralik told The Canadian Press in an interview. "I think he realized it's not maybe necessary to score goals ... everybody know he's a goal scorer so they put probably more emphasis covering him as a dominant player.

"This guy's dedication to hockey is huge. He's been working so hard every summer ... He got stronger, he got faster and it's paying off."

ISLANDERS CAPTAIN MARK STREIT ON JOHN TAVARES

"He's still capable to open (space) for other players and create opportunities."

The results are in the statistics. Tavares is currently on pace to post career-highs on offence, but his biggest gains are in assists.

It's a big change for a player that made the jump to the OHL at age 15 and scored 72 goals in 67 games for the Oshawa Generals a year later.

Tavares once again finds himself as a major talking point in NHL circles. Praise is coming from opponents and teammates alike, speaking volumes about where he stands.

"The one thing about him too is he's super competitive," said Schenn. "He wants to be the go-to guy all the time. He wants to win bad."

Unless something changes on Long Island, that will remain a tough task. The Islanders carry the NHL's lowest payroll and that likely won't change even once Tavares' new $33-million contract kicks in next season.

His decision to sign the six-year extension in September makes him the team's highest-paid player at $5.5 million per season.

Clearly, Tavares believes better days lie ahead and he's determined to be the driving force behind a turnaround. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Djokovic moves on, Serena done in Australia

Novak Djokovic showed the first signs of vulnerability at the Australian Open on Monday but still held off Lleyton Hewitt to reach the quarter-finals in Melbourne.

American Serena Williams can't say the same in the women's event, though.

Djokovic, the defending men's champion, held his composure to defeat Hewitt 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

"It's obviously the first match that I've been tested," Djokovic said. "It was against the player that I expected to be tested."

Numbers told the surprising story for Williams in her fourth-round loss. She had seven double-faults, including four in one game; 37 unforced errors, and a first-serve percentage of just over 50 per cent.

After her 6-2, 6-3 loss to Ekaterina Makarova, Williams admitted she was still playing on a sore left ankle which she injured in Brisbane two weeks ago.

Djokovic has reached the quarter-finals for the fifth straight year with the win over Hewitt, ending Australia's participation in the singles draws.

"Lleyton was playing in front of his crowd. Obviously, he loves competing against the top guys on the big stage, and he proved it again," Djokovic said.

Djokovic is aiming to become only the fifth man in the Open era to win three consecutive majors after collecting the Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles last year.

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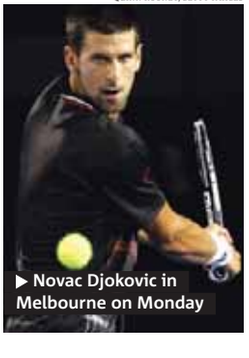

▶ Novac Djokovic in Melbourne on Monday

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Boston	46	31	13	1	1	168	96	64	16-7-1-1	15-6-0-0	6-3-1-0	W1
d-NY Rangers	46	30	12	1	3	129	96	64	14-5-0-2	16-7-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Florida	47	22	15	5	5	120	133	54	11-5-1-5	11-10-4-0	3-3-3-1	W1
Philadelphia	47	28	14	2	3	159	140	61	11-7-1-2	17-7-1-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Ottawa	50	27	17	4	2	154	153	60	14-9-0-1	13-8-4-1	7-2-1-0	L1
Pittsburgh	48	27	17	2	2	149	125	58	14-8-2-0	13-9-0-2	6-4-0-0	W6
New Jersey	47	26	19	1	1	128	134	54	12-9-0-1	14-10-1-0	5-4-1-0	L2
Washington	47	25	19	1	2	131	134	53	17-6-0-1	8-13-1-1	5-4-1-0	L2
Toronto	48	24	19	3	2	147	144	53	14-8-2-2	10-11-1-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Winnipeg	48	22	20	3	3	123	138	50	15-8-0-2	7-12-3-1	3-6-0-1	L1
Montreal	48	18	21	2	7	123	132	45	8-10-2-4	10-12-0-2	5-3-0-2	W1
Tampa Bay	47	20	23	1	3	132	163	44	12-7-0-1	8-16-1-2	4-5-0-1	W3
NY Islanders	47	19	22	4	2	112	139	44	11-11-3-0	8-11-1-2	5-5-0-0	L1
Buffalo	48	19	24	3	2	117	148	43	11-9-3-2	8-15-0-0	2-7-1-0	L5
Carolina	50	17	24	5	4	128	158	43	12-11-0-3	5-13-5-1	4-3-1-2	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	48	32	15	1	0	155	109	65	19-2-1-0	13-13-0-0	9-1-0-0	W6
d-Vancouver	48	29	15	0	4	155	120	62	13-6-0-3	16-9-0-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-San Jose	45	26	14	3	2	129	108	57	15-8-2-0	11-6-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
St. Louis	47	29	12	1	5	121	96	64	21-3-1-2	8-9-0-3	8-1-1-0	W4
Chicago	49	29	14	3	3	161	141	64	19-5-1-3	10-9-2-0	5-3-2-0	L1
Nashville	48	28	16	3	1	133	125	60	15-7-2-1	13-9-1-0	8-2-0-0	W2
Los Angeles	49	23	16	4	6	107	110	56	13-11-0-4	10-5-4-2	4-2-1-3	L2
Colorado	50	26	22	2	0	129	141	54	14-11-0-0	12-11-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Minnesota	48	23	18	2	5	112	124	53	13-6-1-2	10-12-1-3	3-6-0-1	W1
Calgary	49	23	20	3	3	120	136	52	13-6-1-1	10-14-2-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Dallas	47	24	21	0	2	125	136	50	13-9-0-2	11-12-0-0	3-6-0-1	L5
Phoenix	49	21	20	3	5	127	132	50	9-9-2-2	12-11-1-3	2-5-1-2	L3
Anaheim	47	18	22	3	4	124	143	43	13-12-1-0	5-10-2-4	8-1-1-0	W5
Edmonton	47	17	26	1	3	118	138	38	11-8-1-2	6-18-0-1	2-7-1-0	L3
Columbus	47	13	28	1	5	112	155	32	8-13-1-2	5-15-0-3	3-6-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Toronto 3 N.Y. Islanders 0
Winnipeg at Carolina
St. Louis at Detroit
Columbus at Nashville
San Jose at Edmonton
Ottawa at Los Angeles
Sunday's results
Boston 6 Philadelphia 5 (SO)
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3 (OT)
Anaheim 3 Colorado 2
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Ottawa at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
NHL ALL-STAR BREAK
Jan. 26-30 at Ottawa

MAPLE LEAFS 3, ISLANDERS 0

First Period
1. Toronto, Lombardi 5 (Gardiner, Franson) 1:37
Penalty — Parenteau NYI (tripping) 13:26.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
2. Toronto, Kessel 26 (Lupul, Gunnarsson) 8:10
3. Toronto, Lombardi 6 (Crabb, Grabovski) 16:21
Penalty — Martin NYI (goaltender interference) 17:23.
Shots

N.Y. Islanders	5	6	14	25
Toronto	16	8	11	35

Goal — N.Y. Islanders: Nabokov (L,10-12-0); Toronto: Gustavsson (W,15-10-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Islanders: 0-0; Toronto: 0-2.
Referees — Chris Lee, Frederick L'Ecuyer.
Linesmen — Brian Mach, Scott Driscoll.
Attendance — 19,570 (18,819) at Toronto.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	26	32	58
Giroux, Pha	18	37	55
Stamkos, TB	32	20	52
Ma.Hossa, Chi	20	32	52
H.Sedin, Vcr	11	41	52
Lupul, Tor	20	31	51
Datsyuk, Det	13	38	51
Toews, Chi	27	23	50
Kessel, Tor	25	25	50
D.Sedin, Vcr	20	30	50
Spezza, Ott	20	30	50
Tavares, NYI	19	29	48
Pominville, Buf	17	30	47
Neal, Pgh	26	20	46
Karlsson, Ott	7	39	46
Elias, NJ	17	28	45
Selanne, Ana	15	30	45
Hartnell, Pha	25	19	44
Eberle, Edm	17	27	44
Kopitar, LA	15	29	44
Moulson, NYI	22	21	43
Eriksson, Dal	17	26	43
Versteeg, Fla	19	23	42
Seguin, Bos	18	24	42
Backstrom, Wash	13	29	42
Benn, Dal	13	29	42
Parenteau, NYI	9	33	42
Vanek, Buf	19	22	41
P.Bergeron, Bos	15	26	41
Ra.Whitney, Phx	15	26	41
P.Kane, Chi	11	30	41
St. Louis, TB	11	30	41
Sharp, Chi	20	20	40
Kovalchuk, NJ	19	21	40
Franzen, Det	18	22	40
Gaborik, NYR	25	14	39
Perry, Ana	22	17	39
Ovechkin, Wash	20	19	39
Iginla, Cal	18	21	39
Filppula, Det	15	24	39
Parise, NJ	15	24	39
Vrbata, Phx	22	16	38
Lecavalier, TB	18	20	38
O.Jokinen, Cal	12	26	38
Krejci, Bos	11	27	38
Lucic, Bos	17	20	37
Backes, StL	16	21	37
Thornton, SJ	8	29	37
Cole, Mtl	18	18	36
Marleau, SJ	17	19	36
Alfredsson, Ott	15	21	36
O'Reilly, Col	14	22	36
E.Staal, Car	11	25	36
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	22	35
Weiss, Fla	12	23	35
Couture, SJ	20	14	34
Pavelski, SJ	17	17	34
Callahan, NYR	16	18	34
Smyth, Edm	16	18	34
Fleischmann, Fla	15	19	34
Henrique, NJ	13	21	34
Jagr, Pha	12	22	34
Zetterberg, Det	9	25	34
Getzlaf, Ana	8	26	34
Edler, Vcr	7	27	34
Campbell, Fla	3	31	34

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Madrid	19	16	1	2	67	18	49
Barcelona	19	13	5	1	59	12	44
Valencia	19	10	5	4	29	20	35
Levante	19	9	4	6	25	22	31
Espanyol	19	8	4	7	21	21	28
Osasuna	19	6	9	4	22	31	27
Athletic Bilbao	19	6	8	5	27	23	26
Atletico Madrid	19	7	5	7	30	27	26
Sevilla	19	6	8	5	20	20	26
Malaga	19	7	4	8	22	28	25
Getafe	19	6	6	7	20	25	24
Real Betis	19	7	2	10	22	27	23
Rayo Vallecano	19	6	4	9	21	28	22
Mallorca	19	5	7	7	17	24	22
Real Sociedad	19	5	6	8	17	27	21
Racing Santander	19	4	8	7	15	23	20
Villarreal	19	4	7	8	18	28	19
Granada	19	5	4	10	12	26	19
Sporting Gijon	19	5	3	11	18	33	18

Yesterday's results
Villarreal 3,Sporting Gijon 0

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's results
AFC — New England 23 Baltimore 20
NFC — N.Y. Giants 20 San Francisco 17 (OT)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 29
At Honolulu
All Times Eastern
NFC vs. AFC, 7 p.m.

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 5
At Indianapolis
New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia
MEN
Singles — Fourth Round
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-1, 1-0 (retired).
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Richard Gasquet (17), France, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.
Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Doubles — Third Round
Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Christopher Kas (12), Germany, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner (5), Germany, 7-6 (1), 7-5.
Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (6), Poland, def. Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Filip Polasek (11), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-3.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (7), Romania, def. Ricardo Mello and Joao Souza, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3.
Eric Butorac, U.S., and Bruno Soares (10), Brazil, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (8), Curacao, 6-4, 6-2.
WOMEN
Singles — Fourth Round
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Sabine Lisicki (14), Germany, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Serena Williams (12), U.S., 6-2, 6-3.
Sara Errani, Italy, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles — Third Round
Irina-Camelia Begu and Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (5), Russia, 3-0 (retired).
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (6), Russia, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (12), U.S., 7-5, 6-3.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, def. Rika Fujiwara and Ayumi Morita, Japan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
MIXED DOUBLES
Second Round
Liezel Huber, U.S., and Colin Fleming, Britain, def. Vladimira Uhlirova, Czech Republic, and Scott Lipsky, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.
JUNIORS
BOYS
Singles — First Round
Filip Peliwo, Vancouver, def. Ken Onishi, Japan, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Doubles — First Round
Pedja Krstin, Serbia, and **Filip Peliwo (7), Vancouver**, def. Jacob Grills and Daniel Guccione, Australia, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 10-7 tiebreak.
GIRLS
Singles — First Round
Carol Zhao, Richmond Hill, Ont., def. Brooke Rischbieth, Australia, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles — First Round
Eugenie Bouchard, Montreal, and Carol Zhao (8), Richmond Hill, Ont., def. Megane Bianco, Switzerland, and Kathinka von Deichmann, Liechtenstein, 6-1, 4-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	15	3	.833	—
d-Orlando	11	4	.733	2½
Indiana	11	4	.733	2½
d-Philadelphia	12	5	.706	2½
Atlanta	12	5	.706	2½
Miami	11	5	.688	3
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	7½
Boston	6	9	.400	7½
Cleveland	6	9	.400	7½
New York	6	10	.375	8
New Jersey	5	12	.294	9½
Detroit	4	13	.235	10½
Toronto	4	13	.235	10½
Charlotte	3	14	.176	11½
Washington	2	15	.118	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	13	3	.813	—
Denver	12	5	.706	1½
Utah	10	5	.667	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	3
d-Memphis	9	6	.600	3½
San Antonio	10	7	.588	3½
Dallas	10	7	.588	3½
Houston	9	7	.563	4
Portland	9	7	.563	4
L.A. Lakers	10	8	.556	4
Minnesota	7	9	.438	6
Phoenix	6	9	.400	6½
Sacramento	6	11	.353	7½
Golden State	5	10	.333	7½
New Orleans	3	13	.188	10

d-division leaders ranked in top four positions.

Last night's results
Philadelphia 103 Washington 83
Orlando at Boston
New Jersey at Chicago
Detroit at Oklahoma City
San Antonio at New Orleans
Houston at Minnesota
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Phoenix at Dallas
Sacramento at Portland
Memphis at Golden State
Sunday's results
Boston 100 Washington 94
L.A. Clippers 103 Toronto 91
New Jersey 97 Charlotte 87
Milwaukee 91 Miami 82
Indiana 98 L.A. Lakers 96
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

AP MEN'S TOP 25

All Times Eastern
Last night's results
No. 3 Syracuse at Cincinnati
No. 5 Kansas vs. Texas A&M
Tonight's games
No. 1 Kentucky at Georgia, 9 p.m.
No. 6 Baylor at Oklahoma, 8 p.m.
No. 13 San Diego State at Wyoming, 8:30 p.m.
No. 17 Marquette vs. South Florida, 8 p.m.
No. 20 Michigan at Purdue, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
No. 2 Missouri at Oklahoma State, 7:30 p.m.
No. 4 Ohio State vs. Penn State, 6:30 p.m.
No. 8 Duke at Maryland, 9 p.m.
No. 10 Michigan State vs. Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
No. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas at Boise State, 10 p.m.
No. 15 Creighton at Drake, 8:05 p.m.
No. 18 Mississippi State vs. LSU, 8 p.m.
No. 22 Kansas State at Texas Tech, 9 p.m.
No. 23 Florida State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Thursday's games
No. 7 North Carolina vs. NC State, 7 p.m.
No. 14 Florida at Mississippi, 7 p.m.
No. 16 Indiana at No. 25 Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
No. 19 Virginia vs. Boston College, 9 p.m.
No. 21 Saint Mary's (Cal) at Loyola Marymount, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
No. 1 Kentucky at Louisiana State, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Missouri vs. Texas Tech, 1:30 p.m.
No. 3 Syracuse vs. West Virginia, 1 p.m.
No. 5 Kansas at Iowa State, 2 p.m.
No. 6 Baylor vs. Texas, 1 p.m.
No. 8 Duke vs. St. John's, Noon
No. 9 Georgetown at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
No. 11 Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois, 8 p.m.
No. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas at Air Force, 9 p.m.
No. 13 San Diego State at Colorado State, 4 p.m.
No. 14 Florida vs. **No. 18** Mississippi State, 1:30 p.m.
No. 15 Creighton vs. Bradley, 8:05 p.m.
No. 17 Marquette at Villanova, Noon
No. 19 Virginia at NC State, 8 p.m.
No. 21 Saint Mary's (Cal) at Brigham Young, 9 p.m.
No. 22 Kansas State vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m.

LACROSSE

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All Times Eastern

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Buffalo	2	2	0	1.000	26	19	—
Rochester	2	1	1	.500	31	24	1
Philadelphia	2	1	1	.500	22	31	1
Toronto	2	0	2	.000	19	26	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	3	3	0	1.000	46	38	—
Calgary	3	2	1	.667	37	32	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	.000	14	20	2
Edmonton	1	0	1	.000	12	13	2
Washington	2	0	2	.000	19	23	2½

WEEK THREE
Saturday's results
Colorado 13 Calgary 12 (OT)
Buffalo 12 Rochester 9
Philadelphia 10 Washington 9 (OT)
Friday's result
Colorado 13 Edmonton 12
WEEK FOUR
Friday, Jan. 27
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Rochester at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Washington, 10:30 p.m.

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Eberle gets call for all-star game

Oilers forward will be replacement for injured Koivu

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▶ Jordan Eberle

Jordan Eberle is heading to the NHL all-star game after all.

The Edmonton Oilers forward and Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Kris Letang were both added to the event Monday.

They'll replace Minnesota Wild captain Mikko Koivu (shoulder) and Winnipeg Jets defenceman Dustin Byfuglien (knee), who are both sidelined with injuries.

Eberle was passed over when the all-stars were named two weeks ago because of a knee injury. But he returned to the Oilers lineup over the weekend and leads the team with 17 goals and 44 points.

"It's exciting," said Eberle. "It's definitely been a roller-coaster. The fact the opportunity had come and then I got injury and they said I would have been on if I wasn't injured. ...

"In the end, I get to go and that's what I was looking forward to obviously."

Other injury replacements could be coming before the all-star weekend kicks off in Ottawa with Thursday's fantasy draft. The skills competition will be held Saturday at Scotiabank Place with the all-star game to be played Sunday.

Jamie Benn (appendectomy) and Jonathan Toews (undisclosed) are among the players who remain questionable for the event.

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Champs. Visit

▶ President Barack Obama honours the Boston Bruins on Monday at the White House.

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Thomas a no-show at White House

U.S. President Barack Obama saluted the Boston Bruins for their Stanley Cup championship on Monday, but one key member of the team skipped the White House visit in protest. "I believe the federal government has grown out of control, threatening the rights, liberties, and property of the people," goalie Tim Thomas said in a statement.

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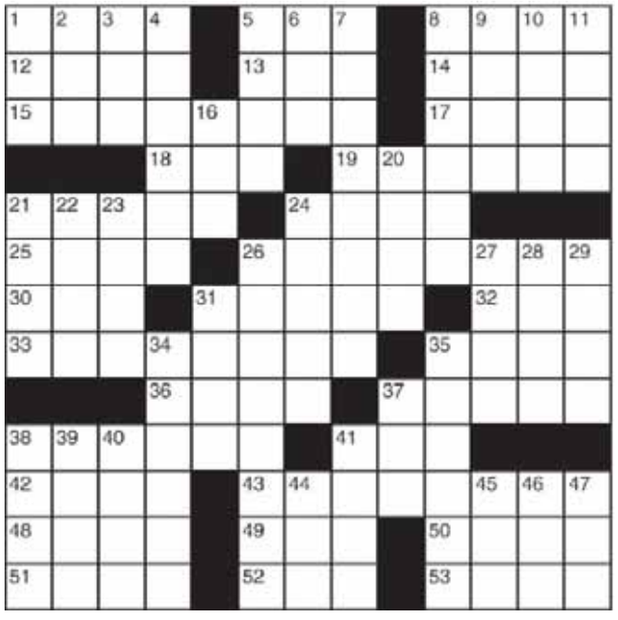

Across

1 Pinnacle
5 "Eureka!"
8 — Minor
12 Tibetan monk
13 Bookspine abbr.
14 Night light?
15 Pillages
17 Entanglement
18 Atmosphere
19 Whoppers' toppers
21 Home
24 Smile
25 Humdinger
26 WWI field famous for poppies
30 Math course
31 Actress Massey
32 "Boy, am I stupid!"
33 Bad-mouths
35 Tower city
36 Sly
37 Caulking material
38 Eyelike spots
41 Crazed
42 Ashen
43 Peripheral-vision thwarters
48 Cold War abbr.
49 Allow
50 Welsh veggie
51 Cows and sows
52 Dine
53 Jealousy

Down

1 Matterhorn, e.g.
2 Chum
3 Ostrich's cousin
4 Citizen Kane's estate
5 State with certainty
6 Not vert.
7 Losers
8 Nasty
9 Nevada city
10 Any time now
11 Picnic invaders
16 Conk out
20 1492 craft
21 "Sad to say ..."
22 Matador's foe
23 Gymnast Korbut
24 Splendor
26 Not stiff
27 Tend texts
28 Oxidize
29 Horse-drawn carriage
31 Pedestal occupant
34 Pro QBs, e.g.
35 Small pool
37 Skillet
38 Piece of work
39 Money
40 Otherwise
41 Catcher's glove
44 Meadow
45 Still, in verse
46 Gun the engine
47 Firmament

▶ Monday's answer

Sudoku

		6				7		
	5	2	7		4	8	6	
8	7						3	5
			5	9	2			
				4				
			6	1	3			
1	2						9	6
	9	4	3		6	1	7	
		8				3		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Monday's answer ▶

3	4	9	7	2	5	6	1	8
7	8	5	1	3	8	4	2	9
8	2	1	9	4	6	3	7	5
5	3	7	8	6	1	9	4	2
2	1	4	3	5	9	7	8	6
9	8	6	2	7	4	1	5	3
1	7	3	5	9	2	8	6	4
4	5	8	6	1	3	2	9	7
6	9	2	4	8	7	5	3	1

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Matthew
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FROM JESS

Ryan Bouchard
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my handsome knight
My heart is aching for you , I am so sad that the last words you heard from me was I HATE YOU NOW....I did not mean it, I was so hurt, I felt betrayed and abandoned but I really know better and I UNDERSTAND MORE THAN YOU KNOW....YOU ARE IN MY SOUL FOREVER TILL THE END OF TIME.....
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You have never been a stranger to hard work but now that Mars, your ruler, is turning retrograde in the wellbeing area of your chart you should perhaps slow down a bit.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
It won't be long before you are back to your best and raring to go.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You may have to own up to something a bit embarrassing today but rather that than deny it and get caught out later on.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Go out, have a good time and meet as many interesting and influential new people as you possibly can.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Something will catch your eye today and you won't be happy until you have made it your own.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
There are so many new opportunities coming your way at the moment, but you must not take your good fortune for granted.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
If you find it hard to get your act in gear today you should take that as a sign and stop trying so hard.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
A certain individual may seem a bit boring but if you make an effort to get to know them today you may find you have a lot in common.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Whatever challenges you are faced with at the moment, at home or at work, you have no intention of letting them overwhelm you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You know that your beliefs are right but how do you convince other people of that fact? You don't.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Try not to be too critical of other people today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
You may find it hard to be nice to someone today.

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